



# Formation Devotional

March 7, 2020 Week Review

Forming Worship, Life, and Ministry Together at Christ Covenant Church

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*Below is a summary of the scripture readings from this week. Take a moment to reflect upon what you read, or catch up on any chapters you may have missed. Give thanks because the Lord of the Sabbath invites you to enter into his rest.*

## Collect

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all his works and sanctified a day of rest for all his creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 99)

## Praying the Psalms

### Psalm 87

Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. The LORD will write in the register of the peoples: "This one was born in Zion.

### Psalm 88

O LORD, day and night I cry out to you. You have put me in the darkest depths. Do the dead rise up to praise you? I am in despair.

### Psalm 89

I will sing of the mercies of the LORD. You said, "I will establish the throne of David forever." O Lord, where is your love of old?

### Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place. All our days pass away under your wrath. Return, O LORD! Have compassion on your servants!

### Psalm 91

I will say of the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress." His faithfulness will be your shield. He will command his angels to guard you.

### Psalm 92

It is good to give thanks to the LORD. How great are your works! Your enemies shall perish. The righteous flourish in your courts.

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**Psalm 93**

The LORD reigns! Your throne is established from of old. The LORD is mightier than the sea. Holiness adorns your house forever.

**Psalm 94**

O LORD, God of vengeance, shine forth! How long will the wicked exult? The LORD will not reject his people. He will repay the corrupt.

**Psalm 95**

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! He is the King above all gods. Oh come, let us worship and bow down! Do not harden your hearts.

**Psalm 96**

Sing to the LORD! Declare his glory among the nations. Worship the LORD in holy splendour. He will judge the world in righteousness.

**New Testament Reading****Mark 16**

The women went to the tomb. A man in white said, "He has risen!" Jesus appeared to the disciples. He said, "Go and preach the gospel."

**Luke 1**

The angel Gabriel foretold the birth of John. He told Mary, "You will have a son named Jesus." Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord!"

**Luke 2**

Mary gave birth in Bethlehem. Angels sent shepherds to see the child. Jesus was presented at the temple. He grew in wisdom and stature.

**Luke 3**

John came from the wilderness preaching repentance. Jesus was baptised. He was son of David, son of Abraham, son of Adam, son of God.

**Luke 4**

Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness. In the synagogue he read out, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me." He healed all the sick.

**Old Testament Reading****Genesis 44**

Joseph hid his cup in Benjamin's sack, then sent a steward after his brothers. Judah offered himself as a slave instead of Benjamin.

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**Genesis 45**

Joseph told his brothers who he was. They were afraid, but he told them, "God sent me here." His brothers went to fetch their father.

**Genesis 46**

So Israel set out with all his household. God told him not to be afraid. Israel and all his family came to Egypt and Joseph met him.

**Genesis 47**

Pharaoh allowed Joseph's family to settle in Goshen. The famine continued and the Egyptians sold all they had to Pharaoh for food.

**Genesis 48**

Jacob became ill, so Joseph took his sons to see him. Jacob blessed Joseph's sons as his own, putting Ephraim ahead of Manasseh.

**Prayer of Intercession**

Pray for our worship at Christ Covenant and the other churches in our community — for:

- A movement of the gospel that enables all kinds of people in all kinds of circumstances to draw near God's throne of grace to worship in spirit and truth.
- A movement of the gospel that renews the hearts of believers through repentance and faith.
- A movement of the gospel that unites and encourages believers for works of love by faith.
- A movement of the gospel that observes the sacraments by faith.
- A movement of the gospel that prays God's word.
- A movement of the gospel that sings so that Christ dwells in the hearts of believers by faith.
- A movement of the gospel that brings all kinds of people in all kinds of circumstances into Christ as their rest.

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